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(54) **Editing of recorded material**

(57) An edit controller for controlling editing of recorded audio and/or video material, in which temporally successive material clips of a edited output material sequence are represented by corresponding clip icons on a display screen displayed in a display order corresponding to the temporal order of replay of the material clips, comprises: user-operable icon control means for providing user-controlled movement of the display position of icons on the display screen; means for detecting, during movement of the display position of a clip icon on the display screen, the clip icon which is nearest on the display screen to a current display position of the clip icon being moved; means for detecting whether the current display position of the clip icon being moved is before or after the detected nearest icon in the display order corresponding to the temporal order of the material clips; and means for generating and displaying on the display screen a direction indicator to indicate whether the current display position of the clip icon being moved is before or after the detected nearest icon in the display order corresponding to the temporal order of the material clips.

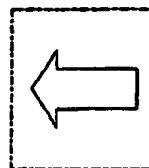


Fig. 7a

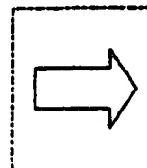


Fig. 7b

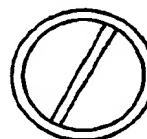


Fig. 7c



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